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at Grandfather M.  
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## FOREWORD

This was written in memory of our Grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth Moser.

Grandmother Moser used to say: "Just once I would like to see all my children and grandchildren together — all of them at one time." Knowing this is even more impossible since our addresses reach from coast to coast, it seems to me that by arranging as many facts as could be assembled in family chapters would be the surest way of having us all together "just once."

Dan Cupid's arrows, Mr. Stork's persistent visits, and roving relatives nearly defeated me. Knowing that Dan will continue shooting arrows, that Stork will continue visiting, and that relatives will continue roving, I realize some of the pages will soon be inaccurate. But this work has been a pleasure.

This task could not have been accomplished without much cooperation from all of you: will all of you accept my sincere thanks and appreciation? And if there are errors and incomplete data, please accept my apologies, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hartberg, editor and publishers of the Milford Herald-News, were interested and helpful in proofreading, arranging and printing this booklet. For this I am sincerely grateful.

— Edna



## THE FAMILY OF JACOB MOSER

Jacob Moser was born in Baden, Germany, on March 23, 1859, where his mother, Margaret, and his grandmother had fled from Switzerland, because of religious persecution. Aunt Bena remembers hearing her grandmother tell of the time she spent in jail after she had been baptized. The State Church was unfriendly toward any Christian faith other than the one prescribed by it.

In 1872 at the age of thirteen Jacob came to America with his mother and his grandmother. They traveled with other immigrant families. Among them was the Vogel family. Albert Vogel, the patriarch of the Vogel families we know, was a lad then, too.

Jacob and his mother and his grandmother lived in Morton, Illinois. As he grew up in Morton he was apprenticed to a wagon maker. Here he became a skilled wheelwright and wagon maker.

He became an American citizen, after his twenty-first birthday in 1880.

As a young man he became a Christian, the exact date is not recorded.

On December 10, 1882, he was married to Elizabeth Jacobs at the Morton Apostolic Christian Church. The minister and elder of the Morton church was George Welk, who performed their marriage service. Witnesses who signed their marriage certificate were Andrew Rapp and Bartlett Rapp.

Elizabeth Jacob Moser was born in Morton, Illinois on May 4, 1860. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Minger Jacobs. She had a brother Emmanuel and a sister Caroline Jacobs Winzeler. Their mother died when these children were very small. Their father then married Regulia Foster. George Jacobs and Bena Jacobs Beyer were children of this marriage. This mother died, too, when her children were small. Then Father Jacobs married Salome Wick. To this third marriage was born Edward Jacobs, John Jacobs (who died as a lad), and Anna Jacobs Gotz.

Elizabeth became a Christian when she was fifteen years old. After their marriage Jacob and Elizabeth lived in Morton a short time. A son, Edward, was born on June 5, 1883. Elizabeth was very ill with blood poisoning following the birth of this first child. Before she had fully recovered, they moved to Claytonville, Illinois where Jacob worked at the local blacksmith shop making wagons. Soon after coming to Claytonville their small son died. He was buried in the cemetery on the Eisenmann farm near Fountain Creek. Their church was located at this site, too. Edward's name is on the memorial that was newly erected there in 1935.

Four children were born in Claytonville. Jacob then moved his family to the farm where the rest of the family was born and reared.



This is the farm where Fred and Bena Knapp live now. The same house still stands more than three-quarters of a century later. The prairie in this area had been surveyed and section lines marked, many of them fenced, but many of the roads had not been opened. The land was swampy and was covered with lush prairie grass that grew as high as a horse and often as high as the rider, too. Our grandfather and his neighbors worked hard with simple tools to drain the swamps and break the tough sod. Sections of farm land and small fields, too, were enclosed with hedge fences that grew to an immense height and to great density.

The Mosers bought their first eighty acres for thirty-five dollars an acre. This farm had been broken and tilled, but was undrained.

As the family grew rooms were added to the original house first in one direction and then in another. Several of these additions have been removed.

Edward Moser remembers when his mother rode the corn planter to trip the seed corn into hills at intervals; he also remembers how his parents sat together one evening and figured that with a planter that tripped the corn automatically they would get enough more corn planted to pay for a new planter that then cost about twenty-five dollars.

In 1894 when William was a baby the family was stricken with typhoid fever. The mother and all the children were seriously ill for many weeks.

In 1921 Salome, "Aunt Sally," became fatally ill one morning. Her parents and Uncle Bill had gone to Danville to shop. Uncle Carl found her at noon-time when he returned from the field. Her parents returned after darkness had fallen to find her near death. She passed away that same night. Salome was 22 years old. Her brothers and sisters remember her as a pleasant, quiet person, a good Christian. Your historian remembers her as a young grown-up aunt, as some one to look up to and someone to please. She is remembered as a tall person. Betty Grimm and Betty Beier both look somewhat like her.

Father and Mother Moser moved to Cissna Park, Illinois in 1925 to a neat little bungalow. Father Moser passed away at this home after many years as an invalid. He lost his speech and for a long time could only whisper. Finally even his whisper was nearly inaudible.

After Grandfather's death in June 1933, Grandmother lived alone until that autumn when she sold her household effects and went to live with her son Edward and his family. She lived with them until Uncle Fred and Aunt Bena came to Illinois, she then made her home with them until her death in 1941. This last home was the same one where she had spent most of her married life.

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**JACOB MOSER**

BORN: March 23, 1859, in Baden, Germany  
PASSED AWAY: June 22, 1933 at Cissna Park, Illinois  
BURIED: Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery, Cissna Park, Illinois  
MARRIED: December 19, 1882 at the Apostolic Christian Church, Morton, Illinois, to . . .

**ELIZABETH JACOBS**

BORN: May 4, 1860 in Morton, Illinois  
PARENTS: John and Elizabeth Minger Jacobs  
PASSED AWAY: May 12, 1941, at Cissna Park, Illinois  
BURIED: Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery, near Cissna Park, Illinois

**CHILDREN:**

1. Edward Moser, born at Morton, Illinois, June 5, 1884
2. Anna S. Moser, born at Claytonville, Illinois, June 21, 1885
3. Buna M. Moser, born at Claytonville, Illinois, August 6, 1886
4. George J. Moser, born at Claytonville, Illinois, September 17, 1887
5. Lydia M. Moser, born at Claytonville, Illinois, January 15, 1889
6. Caroline E. Moser, born near Claytonville, Illinois, January 15, 1890
7. Edward C. Moser, born near Claytonville, Illinois, March 19, 1891
8. John B. Moser, born near Claytonville, Illinois, August 14, 1892
9. William H. Moser, born near Claytonville, Illinois, February 5, 1894
10. Jacob F. Moser, born near Claytonville, Illinois, September 7, 1895
11. Mary M. Moser, born near Claytonville, Illinois, February 4, 1897
12. Salome Moser, born near Claytonville, Illinois, February 28, 1898
13. Carl D. Moser, born near Claytonville, Illinois, November 4, 1900



*ANNA S. MOSER*







## THE FAMILY OF JACOB MOSER

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### ANNA MOSER

BORN: June 21, 1885, at Claytonville, Illinois

PASSED AWAY: December 14, 1919, near Cissna Park, Illinois

BURIED: Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery

MARRIED: March 12, 1906, at Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

### PETER HOFBAUER

BORN: August 6, 1876, at Verdun, France. Came to America at the age of fifteen.

PASSED AWAY: July 19, 1941

BURIED: Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery, Cissna Park, Illinois

### CHILDREN:

1. Clara, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, October 30, 1906
2. Louis, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, October 7, 1907
3. William, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, January 9, 1909
4. Margaret, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, December 3, 1910
5. Joel, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, March 23, 1912
6. Emmanuel, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, August 19, 1913
7. Caroline, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, ~~August 17, 1915~~ Dec.
8. Benjamin, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, July 12, 1917
9. David, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, October 15, 1918
10. George, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, December 13, 1919

Peter married Rose Ehman, February, 1923. She was the daughter of Adam and Christian Ehman. Rose passed away June 13, 1960, at the Paxton Illinois, Nursing Home. Burial was in the church cemetery near Cissna Park, Illinois

### CLARA HOFBAUER

BORN: October 30, 1906, near Cissna Park, Illinois

MARRIED: April 23, 1932, at Peoria, Illinois, to . . .

### ALF RAMSEYER

BORN: April 18, 1899, at Fairbury, Illinois

PARENTS: Jacob and Mary Ramseyer

### CHILDREN:

1. Richard Dean, born at Pontiac, Illinois, May 18, 1934
2. A. James, born at Pontiac, Illinois, June 2, 1946

Clara and Alf have lived and farmed near Pontiac, Illinois, all their married life.



**RICHARD RAMSEYER**

**BORN:** May 18, 1934, at Pontiac, Illinois

**MARRIED:** Alfrieda Landes

**Born:** September 21, 1934, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**PARENTS:** Rev. and Mrs. Carl Landes

The Reverend Mr. Landes performed the marriage for his daughter.

**CHILDREN:**

1. Martha Sue, born at Fairbury, Illinois, May 24, 1959
2. Richard Dean, born at Fairbury, Illinois, November 3, 1961

Dick served in the United States Army for sixteen months. And was recalled in 1961 for several months duty. He received a B. of S. Degree in business administration from Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio. Dick is Northern District Sales Manager for Honegger Sales.

Alfrieda also has a B. of S. Degree in Nursing Education with a minor in psychology and sociology. She attended Bluffton College, also. She is in addition a registered nurse. Mennonite Hospital, Bloomington, Illinois, was the site of her training.

Dick and Alfrieda are living at 1480 Winter Drive, Freeport, Illinois.



**LOUIS HOFBAUER**

**BORN:** October 7, 1907

**MARRIED:** September 15, 1933, at Crown Point, Indiana, to . . .  
**BERNICE ALICE WITTERICH**

**BORN:** July 21, 1913

**PARENTS:** William and Della Mathis Witterich

**CHILDREN:**

1. Donald Louis, born near Rankin, Illinois, January 27, 1934
2. Joan LaRee, born near Rankin, Illinois, September 19, 1935
3. Carol Sue (Susie), born near Rankin, Illinois, January 14, 1940
4. Larry Ray, born near Rankin, Illinois, March 26, 1941
5. Michael Wayne, born near Rankin, Illinois, October 2, 1957

Louis and Bernice have always lived in the Rankin vicinity. They moved to the farm his father had farmed, a few years after his father's death.

When she was nearly three years old, little Joan LaRee passed away on June 12, 1938. She was buried in the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

**DONALD HOFBAUER**

**BORN:** January 27, 1934, near Rankin, Illinois

**MARRIED:** January 27, 1962, to . . .

**BEVERLY WOLFE**

**BORN:**

**PARENTS:** Henry and Lavada Hawk Wolfe

Don and Beverly live in Paxton, Illinois.

**CAROL (Susie) HOFBAUER**

**BORN:** January 5, 1940, near Rankin, Illinois

**MARRIED:** September 21, 1958, at The First Church of Christ, Hooperston, Illinois, to . . .

**FRANCIS NORMAN HELD**

**BORN:**

**PARENTS:**

**CHILDREN:**

1. David Frank, born at Potomac, Illinois, June 7, 1961

Norman is a coach in the Catlin, Illinois, High School. He has also taught at Potomac and East Lynn, Illinois, schools. They are at home in Catlin, Illinois, at this writing.



**LARRY HOFBAUER**

**BORN:** March 26, 1941, near Rankin, Illinois

**MARRIED:** August 5, 1962, at the First Methodist Church, Watseka, Illinois, to . . .

**PEGGY GRISWOLD**

**BORN:** December 21, 1943

**PARENTS:** Harold and Juanita Forrest Griswold

Larry will be a senior at Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana, this fall, 1962.



**WILLIAM HOFBAUER**

BORN: January 19, 1910

MARRIED: September 16, 1935, to . . .

**ELLEN RINKENBERGER**

BORN: October 29, 1919

PARENTS: Jacob and Lydia Ramseyer Rinkenberger

**CHILDREN:**

1. Glen, born near Rankin, Illinois, May 8, 1936
2. Joyce, born near Rankin, Illinois, January 16, 1940
3. Charlene, born near Rankin, Illinois, July 18, 1944
4. Beverly, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, January 11, 1950
5. Lynn, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, September 10, 1959

Bill and Ellen lived east of Rankin, Illinois, where they farmed until they moved east of Cissna Park, Illinois, where they are farming, too.

Glen served in the U. S. Army for six months in 1957. Glen lost his life on October 17, 1958, in an automobile accident. It seemed that in the year 1958 the sorrows we suffered would never end; as time goes on, though, one becomes somewhat less aware of the aching loneliness and gradually more aware of the hope of a new and glorious tomorrow where we can see the end from the beginning.

**JOYCE HOFBAUER**

BORN: January 16, 1940

MARRIED: February 1, 1958, at the First Church of Christ, Hoopes-ton, Illinois, to . . .

**TED EIGHNER**

BORN: July 17, 1936

PARENTS: Clarence J. and Marie Crafleman Eighner

**CHILDREN:**

1. C. Jay, born at Watseka, Illinois, December 28, 1961

Ted and Joyce lived in New Orleans, Louisiana, for one year following their marriage. Ted is an operating engineer and is employed for such projects as building golf courses, waterways, housing projects, etc. They live south of Rankin, Illinois, on a farm.

**CHARLENE HOFBAUER**

BORN: July 18, 1944

MARRIED: January 6, 1962, to . . .

**WESLEY RAVENS**

BORN: November 27, 1938

PARENTS: Lloyd and Ruth Hole Ravens

Wesley and Charlene will farm with Wesley's father near Milford, Illinois.



**MARGARET EDITH HOFBAUER**

BORN: December 3, 1910, near Cissna Park, Illinois

MARRIED: September 16, 1937, at Peoria, Illinois, to . . .

**CHRIS MELVIN FRANK**

BORN: January 31, 1912, at Tremont, Illinois

PARENTS: Charles and Louise Unsicker Frank

**CHILDREN:**

1. Marvin Leon, born at Tremont, Illinois, December 25, 1938
2. Mahlon Lyle, born at Tremont, Illinois, January 24, 1940
3. Joanne Jody, born at Tremont, Illinois, October 23, 1946
4. Carole Sue, born at Tremont, Illinois, December 23, 1949

Chris and Margaret have farmed and lived near Tremont, Illinois, since their marriage.

Mahlon lives at home and farms with his father.

**MARVIN FRANK**

BORN: December 25, 1938

MARRIED: January 8, 1961, at the Apostolic Christian Church, Tremont, Illinois, to . . .

**MARIAN FAYE KOCH**

BORN: February 14, 1934

PARENTS: Dan and Mary Bauerer Koch

**CHILDREN:**

1. Jeffrey Allen, born at Tremont, Illinois, January 25, 1962

Little Jeffrey lived only until April 1, 1962. Most of his time was spent in various hospitals where it was sought to find help for him. He is buried at the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery at Tremont, Illinois.

**JOEL HOFBAUER**

BORN: March 28, 1912, near Cissna Park, Illinois

MARRIED: May 4, 1935, at the Baptist Parsonage, Noblesville, Indiana, to . . .

**MARY BURROUGHS**

BORN: September 17, 1916

PARENTS: Lee and Minnie Edwards Burroughs

**CHILDREN:**

1. Gene LeRoy, born near Rankin, Illinois, September 27, 1936
2. Judith Anne, born near Rankin, Illinois, June 9, 1939
3. James Robert, born near Rankin, Illinois, May 13, 1941

\*Joel (Lammy) and Mary live on a farm east of Rankin, Illinois, on Route Nine. This is the same farm on which they have lived since their marriage.



**GENE HOFBAUER**

**BORN:** September 27, 1936, near Rankin, Illinois  
**MARRIED:** August 9, 1958, to . . .

**ELSIE HASLER**

**BORN:** September 15, 1936  
**PARENTS:** Melvin and Edna Caterell Hasler  
**CHILDREN:**

1. Glen Michael, born at Paxton, Illinois, March 5, 1959

Gene and Elsie lived in Paxton, Illinois, before they moved to Rankin where they live now. Gene spent two years in the U. S. Marine Corp. at Camp Pendleton, California.

Elsie is a graduate of Illinois State Normal University, where she received her B. of S. Degree in Education on August 3, 1958. She teaches in Rankin High School.

Gene was the first student from Rankin to win the State Farmer Degree in F. F. A.

**JUDITH HOFBAUER**

**BORN:** June 9, 1939  
**MARRIED:** August 29, 1958, at the home of her parents at Rankin, Illinois, to . . .

**ROBERT HENRY WOOD**

**BORN:** June 13, 1934  
**PARENTS:** William Davis and Margaret Pate Wood  
**CHILDREN:**

1. Marvin Robert, born in California, June 27, 1959
2. Mary Kay, born at Paxton, Illinois, January 20, 1961

Before her marriage, Judy worked as a nurse's aid at Paxton Hospital, Paxton, Illinois.

Bob spent four years in the U. S. Marine Corp. Judy spent about two years in California with Bob, until his discharge. They moved to Rankin, Illinois, where they farmed for two years. Late in 1962, they moved to Bridgeport, Michigan, and reside at 5864 McGrandy Road.

**JIM HOFBAUER**

**BORN:** May 13, 1941  
Jim was born the day his Great-Grandmother Moser was buried. He, presently, is living at home where he farms and manages a dairy. Jim won the State Farmer Degree in F. F. A. as a Senior.



**EMMANUEL HOFBAUER**

**BORN:** August 19, 1912<sup>3</sup> near Cissna Park, Illinois

**MARRIED:** June 5, 1937, to . . .

**CORRINE RUDDY**

**BORN:** August 22, 1920

**PARENTS:** Hugh and Laura Ruddy

**CHILDREN:**

1. Ronald Emmanuel, born near Rankin, Illinois, December 18, 1938
2. Dale LeRoy, born near Rankin, Illinois, July 29, 1940
3. Duain Allen, born near Rankin, Illinois, May 4, 1946
4. Brian Craig, born near Martinton, Illinois, January 24, 1952

Emmanuel (Bep) and Corrine farmed near Rankin, Illinois, for many years. They now farm near Martinton, Illinois.

**RONALD HOFBAUER**

**BORN:** December 18, 1938

**MARRIED:** November 23, 1960, to . . .

**CAROLYN DAVIS**

**BORN:** October 9, 1939

**PARENTS:** George and Winifred Davis

**CHILDREN:**

1. Cheryl, born at Bloomington, Illinois, September 11, 1962

Ronnie is teaching science in McClean, Illinois. Ronnie attended Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois. He received his B. of S. Degree in Agricultural Education in June, 1962.

They are at home at 1000 E. Washington, Bloomington, Illinois.



**CAROLINE HOFBAUER**

BORN: December 17, 1915, near Cissna Park, Illinois

MARRIED: February 19, 1939 at the Apostolic Christian Church, Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

**GEORGE GUDEMAN**

BORN: January 10, 1916

PARENTS: Albert and Tillie Yergler Gudeman

**CHILDREN:**

1. Ralph Edward, born near Buckley, Illinois, November 24, 1939
2. Shirley Ann, born near Buckley, Illinois, January 6, 1941
3. Earl George, born near Rankin, Illinois, August 30, 1942
4. Dean Arthur, born at Watseka, Illinois, June 12, 1944
5. Stanley LeRoy, born at Paxton, Illinois, August 17, 1950
6. Jeanice Marie, born at Champaign, Illinois, December 27, 1954

George and Caroline farmed near Buckley, Illinois, for three years following their marriage. They then moved to a farm east of Rankin, Illinois, where they farmed until the early fifties, when they moved to a farm south of Champaign, Illinois. In the spring of 1962, they moved eight miles north of Cissna Park, Illinois, to their farm. Their address is Onarga, Illinois.

Earl is a Junior at the University of Illinois, where he is in the College of Education majoring in Vocational Agriculture.

**RALPH GUDEMAN**

BORN: November 24, 1939, near Buckley, Illinois

MARRIED: July 15, 1962, at the Apostolic Christian Church at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to

**CAROLYN PFISTER**

BORN: June 12, 1938<sup>4</sup>

PARENTS: Levi and Lillian Blum Pfister

Carolyn was a resident of Winthrop, Minnesota, prior to her marriage. .

Ralph works at Schrock's Feed, Seed and Fertilizer Company at Congerville, Illinois. He and Carolyn are at home there, too.

**SHIRLEY GUDEMAN**

BORN: January 6, 1941, near Buckley, Illinois

MARRIED: January 28, 1962, at Cissna Park Apostolic Christian Church to . . .

**DANIEL STEINER, JR.**

BORN: January 16, 1933

PARENTS: Daniel and Sophia Pfleider Steiner of Tremont, Illinois

Shirley studied at Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois. She majored in elementary education. She teaches at Tremont, Illinois, where she and Dan are at home.

Dan is a woodworker, specializing in cabinet tops.



**BENJAMIN HOFBAUER**

BORN: July 12, 1917, near Cissna Park, Illinois

MARRIED: April 24, 1943, at Morton, Illinois, to . . .

**EDNA HODEL**

BORN: September 25, 1920, near Cissna Park, Illinois

PARENTS: W. Peter and Mary Funk Hodel

**CHILDREN:**

1. Kenneth Alan, born at Morton, Illinois, February 9, 1946

2. Dee Ann, born at Morton, Illinois, March 15, 1949

3. Cindy Marie born at Morton, Illinois, November 20, 1956

Ben lived with Grandmother Moser for a few years after his mother's death. Ben and Edna have lived in Morton, Illinois, since their marriage. Ben has been employed at Libby, McNeill plant in Morton since August, 1942.

**DAVID HOFBAUER**

BORN: October 15, 1918, near Cissna Park, Illinois

MARRIED: December 19, 1949, at Watseka, Illinois, to . . .

**DORIS MARIE DAVIS**

BORN: January 10, 1924, Champaign County, Illinois

PARENTS: Charles and Alice Watson Davis

**CHILDREN:**

1. Patricia Ann, born at Watseka, Illinois, March 27, 1952

2. David Paul, born at Paxton, Illinois, March 15, 1953

3. Stephen Lee, born at Paxton, Illinois, February 6, 1954

4. Nancy Jean, born at Paxton, Illinois, October 30, 1955

5. Mark Rodney, born at Paxton, Illinois, October 3, 1957

After his father's death, Dave stayed on with his mother until she moved to Cissna Park, then while George Moser was in the service, he lived with the Ed Mosers and with George and Arlene after their marriage. He spent eighteen months in the U. S. Air Corp. He was stationed at Chanute Air Field, Rantoul, Illinois, and was overseas in Japan. He trained and served as an airplane mechanic.

Doris spent sixteen months in the Navy as a Wave. She had boot training at Hunter College, New York. Then she was stationed at the Jacksonville Air Base, Jacksonville, Florida. She trained and served as an I. B. M. machine operator.

Dave and Doris farm just at the north edge of Rankin, Illinois.

G. Dennis Ray

March 27, 1973



*BENA M. MOSER*



**BENA (Jacobena) MOSER**

BORN: August 6, 1886, at Claytonville, Illinois

MARRIED: March 29, 1903, at the Apostolic Christian Church near Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

**FRED G. KNAPP**

BORN: September 15, 1883

PARENTS: George and Sophia Wilkening Knapp

**CHILDREN:**

1. Aaron, born near Fort Scott, Kansas, March 4, 1909

2. Elizabeth, born near Fort Scott, Kansas, July 24, 1910

3. Joseph, born near Fort Scott, Kansas, January 10, 1912

Fred and Bena lived near Fort Scott, Kansas, for four years following their marriage, then moved to the Oakville, Iowa, vicinity. They lived here until they came to the Cissna Park area in 1921.

In 1923 their fourteen year old son, Aaron, lost his life when he was struck by lightning while driving a hayrack in from the field from a threshing site.

**ELIZABETH (Betty) KNAPP**

BORN: July 24, 1910, near Fort Scott, Kansas

MARRIED: November 24, 1946, (Thanksgiving Day) at the Apostolic Christian Church near Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

**FLOYD GRIMM**

BORN: January 29, 1914, at Lester, Iowa

PARENTS: Chris and Julia Grimm

The early years of their marriage were spent in Chicago, Illinois. They now live on a farm near Elgin, Illinois, where Floyd farms. Betty has worked as a switchboard operator for many years.

For several years they have been foster parents to Marian and Mark Doty.

Marian Doty, born at Elgin, Illinois, January 25, 1952.

Mark Doty, born at Rice Lake, Wisconsin, July 23, 1954.

Note how nearly Marian's birthday coincides with Floyd's and Mark's with Betty's.

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**JOSEPH KNAPP**

**BORN:** January 10, 1912 near Fort Scott, Kansas

Joseph Knapp was married to Ruby McKee. They lived in Burlington, Iowa, for several years and now live in the Rock Island, Illinois, area. Ruby and Joe adopted a niece of Ruby's. Roberta was born on August 31, 1953.

Ruby's immediate family had an experience interesting enough to share here. Her mother died when she was ten years old. Six of the seven children were placed in an orphanage. Ruby, the oldest, lived with her father until her marriage. The rest of the family was separated into respective homes, lost from each other until the oldest boy was publicized when he was decorated for bravery during World War II. As a result the family was again brought together again chiefly through Ruby's effort.



*GEORGE J. MOSER*



**GEORGE J. MOSER**

**BORN:** September 16, 1887, at Claytonville, Illinois

**PASSED AWAY:** January 25, 1952, at Valparaiso, Indiana

**BURIED:** At LaCrosse, Indiana, at the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery

**MARRIED:** April 2, 1911, at the Apostolic Christian Church, Roanoke, Illinois, to . . .

**LYDIA SAUDER**

**BORN:** December 26, 1887

**PARENTS:** Henry and Lydia Stortz Sauder of Roanoke, Illinois

**CHILDREN:**

1. Lorene Kathryn, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, February 8, 1912
2. Henry Jacob, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, August 8, 1913
3. Richard David, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, June 29, 1915
4. Irvin Earl, born at Kouts, Indiana, August 15, 1917
5. Erma Mae, born at Kouts, Indiana, May 29, 1919
6. Deloris Elizabeth
7. Doris Marie

} born at Kouts, Indiana, July 30, 1920

8. Wayne Harold, born at Kouts, Indiana, July 19, 1925
9. Marvin James, born at Kouts, Indiana, September 13, 1927

George and Lydia lived at Cissna Park, Illinois, until 1917, when they moved to Kouts, Indiana. Richard, their third child, became ill with erysipelas and passed away May 8, 1916, and is buried at the church cemetery near Cissna Park, Illinois.

Deloris passed away February 20, 1921, and is buried at LaCrosse, Indiana. Her twin sister, Doris, was taken the next year on January 6, 1922.

To date there are fifteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren in this branch of the Moser family.

**LORENE K. MOSER**

**BORN:** February 8, 1912, at Cissna Park, Illinois

Lorene lives at home with her mother at 903 Beach Street, Valparaiso, Indiana. She has been employed at Indiana General Corporation for many years.

**ERMA MOSER**

**BORN:** May 29, 1919, at Kouts, Indiana

Erma also lives at home with her mother. She has been employed at Indiana General Corporation, too, for many years.

Lorene and Erma moved to Valparaiso with their parents in 1936. They lived at 1005 Calumet Street, until 1955 when they moved into their new home at 903 Beach Street.



**HENRY MOSER**

BORN : August 8, 1913, near Cissna Park, Illinois  
MARRIED: September 19, 1936, to . . .

**BERNICE JAMES**

BORN: September 22, 1912  
PARENTS: Oliver and Bertha James  
**CHILDREN:**

1. Richard John, born June 25, 1939
2. Larry Dale, born October 15, 1940
3. Sammy Ray, born December 1, 1942

MARRIED: June 1, 1945, at Crown Point Indiana, to . . .

**LAURA DEHAVEN**

BORN: March 8, 1925  
PARENTS: Carl and Mary C. De Haven  
**CHILDREN:**

1. Ronald Henry, October 11, 1946
2. Michael George, September 21, 1952
3. Jeffrey Allen, July 27, 1956

Henry and Laura live in Valparaiso, Indiana, where Henry is employed at the Valparaiso Plumbing and Heating Co.

**RICHARD MOSER**

BORN: June 25, 1939  
MARRIED: January 6, 1962, to . . .

**SHARON WHITE**

BORN: September 9, 1939  
PARENTS: Claude and Mildred Howe White

Richard graduated from Wanatah High School, Wanatah, Indiana, with a scholarship. He attended Indiana University for one and one-half years. He then trained as an X-ray technician at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. Sharon is also an X-ray technician. They are presently employed as technicians at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

**LARRY MOSER**

BORN: October 15, 1940  
MARRIED: April 14, 1961, at Chesterton, Indiana, to . . .

**SONDRA CLINE**

BORN: July 4, 1942  
PARENTS: Herman and Nellie Spencer Cline  
**CHILDREN:**

1. Denise Dawn, October 22, 1961

Larry attended Purdue University at LaFayette, Indiana, for one semester and is now employed as an assembler at the Clark Equipment Co., at LaPorte, Indiana.



**SAMMY MOSER**

BORN: December 1, 1942

MARRIED: April 16, 1960, to . . .

**LINDA HEATH**

BORN: September 19, 1943

PARENTS Milton and Helen Gwinn Heath

**CHILDREN:**

1. Michele Rae, November 19, 1960
2. Kimberly Kae, November 10, 1961

Sammy is employed at the McGill Manufacturing Plant, Valparaiso, Indiana.

**ERVIN MOSER**

BORN: August 15, 1917, at Kouts, Indiana

PASSED AWAY: July 8, 1958

BURIED: Garden of Memories in Graceland Cemetery, Valparaiso, Indiana

MARRIED: August 9, 1961, at Valparaiso, Indiana, to . . .

**EVELYN RUTH BUCKLES**

BORN: December 9, 1919

PARENTS: Ernest and Gladys Houck Buckles

**CHILDREN:**

1. Bruce Alan, January 21, 1942
2. David Earl, June 5, 1945
3. Cynthia Ann, September 23, 1946
4. Douglas Eugene, September 2, 1949

Ervin was employed at Sears Rosbuck and Company at the time of his death.

Evelyn Moser and Jack Bradshaw were married in Valparaiso, Indiana, on January 9, 1960. Following are Jack's children by a previous marriage:

1. Sandra Lee Bradshaw, November 12, 1946
2. Susan Marie Bradshaw, August 11, 1948
3. Reva Lynn Bradshaw, April 5, 1953
4. Jack Bradshaw, Jr., March 6, 1956

Jack is employed by the Borden Milk Co., Hobart, Indiana.



**WAYNE MOSER**

**BORN:** July 19, 1925, at Kouts, Indiana

**MARRIED:** November 20, 1949, at the Methodist Church, Valparaiso, Indiana, to . . .

**ROSALEAH ROGERS**

**BORN:** July 5, 1930

**PARENTS:** James E. Rogers and Mary Rogers Stump

**CHILDREN:**

1. Donna Jean, born at Valparaiso, Indiana, January 23, 1952
2. Stanley Wayne, born at Valparaiso, Indiana, February 15, 1954
3. Dianna Sue, born at Valparaiso, Indiana, June 5, 1962

Wayne spent thirty-three months in the Navy. In 1949 Wayne went to a special lumberman's school at Purdue College, LaFayette, Indiana. He then worked for Foster Lumber Company for fifteen years. At present he is employed at Urschel Laboratories, Inc., in Valparaiso, Indiana.

**MARVIN MOSER**

**BORN:** September 13, 1927, at Kouts, Indiana

**MARRIED:** September 23, 1950, at Valparaiso, Indiana, to . . .

**- MARY GROEZINGER**

**BORN:** June 27, 1930

**PARENTS:** Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Groezinger

**CHILDREN:**

1. Steven Charles, November 9, 1952
2. Catherine Joan, May 21, 1955

Marvin spent one and one-half years in the Air Force. He also attended South Bend Commercial College. He is employed as an electric meter tester at Northern Indiana Public Service Co.



*LYDIA M. MOSER*



**LYDIA MOSER**

BORN: January 15, 1889, near Claytonville, Illinois

MARRIED: June 7, 1917, at the Apostolic Christian Church near Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

**LOUIS NEUKOMM**

BORN: July 30, 1889

PARENTS: John and Caroline Reutter Neukomm

**CHILDREN:**

1. Emma Marie, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, August 22, 1918
2. John, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, April 14, 1920
3. Aaron Louis, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, August 20, 1923
4. Elizabeth Mae, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, October 31, 1924
5. Ruth Ellen, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, June 27, 1927
6. Harold Robert, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, April 14, 1929
7. Louis David, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, December 18, 1933

Louis and Lydia farmed one mile south and one-half mile west of Cissna Park, Illinois. Their children were born at this home. They built a new home just west of the old home site in 1946. In 1954 they left the farm and went to Cissna Park where they built their present home.



**EMMA NEUKOMM**

BORN: August 22, 1918

MARRIED: December 10, 1944, at Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

**DANIEL SCHMID**

BORN: September 23, 1917

PARENTS: Karl and Lena Kellerhals Schmid

**CHILDREN:**

1. Benjamin David, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, June 25, 1946
2. Kathryn Ruth, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, December 16, 1947
3. Daniel Louis, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, May 2, 1949
4. Lois Elizabeth, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, June 23, 1950
5. Kenneth Edward, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, February 16, 1952
6. Norma Marie, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, July 20, 1953
7. Aaron Daniel, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, January 6, 1955
8. Richard Carl, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, December 15, 1955
9. Marvin James, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, September 15, 1957
10. Lorene Caroline, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, October 25, 1958
11. Lydia Mae, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, July 12, 1960
12. Mark Samuel, born October 20, 1962

Dan and Emily live near Cissna Park, Illinois, where Dan farms. On June 17, 1952, little Daniel Louis lost his life in a farm accident. He was just three years old.

Benjamin holds the distinction of graduating from high school before his sixteenth birthday in 1962. He finished grade school in seven years and completed high school in three years.

**AARON NEUKOMM**

BORN: August 20, 1923

MARRIED: August 24, 1946, at Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

**MARY HELEN MYERS**

BORN: May 3, 1926

PARENTS: Eli and Emma Edleman Myers

**CHILDREN:**

1. Dennis Lee, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, August 3, 1947
2. Ronald Dean, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, November 6, 1948
3. Sue Ann, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, May 9, 1951
4. Marilyn Kay, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, December 27, 1952
5. Julie Mae, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, February 29, 1956
6. Martha Jane, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, January 17, 1958
7. Erma Jean, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, July 9, 1959
8. Walter Dale, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, September 19, 1960
9. Sarah Lynn, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, March 30, 1962

Aaron and Mary Helen lived south of Claytonville where they farmed until they moved to their farm north of Claytonville in 1958.

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**JOHN NEUKOMM****BORN:** April 14, 1920**MARRIED:** September 28, 1942, at St. Charles, Missouri, to . . .  
**MARGARET STIENER****BORN:** March 6, 1923**PARENTS:** Carl and Lydia Clauss Stiener**CHILDREN:**

1. David Joe, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, November 26, 1943
2. Donald Alan, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, June 19, 1947
3. Carolyn Ann, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, July 22, 1950
4. John David, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, March 31, 1952
5. Mary Margaret, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, February 16, 1955

John and Margaret lived southwest of Cissna Park, near John's family until they moved north of town to their farm. This farm was formerly the John Zbinden home.

**ELIZABETH NEUKOMM****BORN:** October 31, 1924**MARRIED:** April 24, 1943, to . . .**NORMAN MAUL****BORN:** August 24, 1921**PARENTS:** Samuel and Alice Egolf Maul**CHILDREN:**

1. William Russell, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, November 20, 1945
2. Helen Marie, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, November 30, 1949
3. Michael Ray, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, February 4, 1956

Norman and Elizabeth lived southeast of Cissna Park, Illinois, until they moved west of town to their farm.

**RUTH NEUKOMM****BORN:** June 27, 1927**MARRIED:** In 1950 at Deridder, Louisiana, while Edward was in the service.**EDWARD KAEB****BORN:** November 19, 1927**PARENTS:** John and Eliza Baer Kaeb**CHILDREN:**

1. Barbara Jean, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, August 8, 1951
2. Rosemary Elaine, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, October 17, 1953
3. Thomas Lew, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, November 9, 1955
4. Deloris Lydia, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, May 8, 1957
5. Timothy Edward, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, December 29, 1960
6. Dale Allen, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, February 3, 1962

Edward and Ruth live on a farm west of Cissna Park, Illinois, just west of the Neukomm home place.



**HAROLD NEUKOMM**

BORN: April 14, 1929

MARRIED: In 1954 at Fairbury, Illinois, to . . .

**ARLENE STEIDINGER**

BORN: April, 1927

- PARENTS: Eli and Minnie Ifft Steidinger

Harold and Arlene have no children. They lived on the Neukomm home place until they moved to Fairbury, Illinois.

Harold spent two years in the service. (1952-53)

Note that Harold was born on his brother John's ninth birthday.

**LOUIS NEUKOMM, JR.**

BORN: December 18, 1933

MARRIED: September 13, 1956, at Champaign, Illinois, to . . .

**DOROTHY LANTZ**

BORN: July 30, 1934

PARENTS: Otto and Christine Meister Lantz

**CHILDREN:**

1. Nancy Marie, born in New Jersey, July 10, 1957
2. Judith Ann, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, January 27, 1959
3. Beth Elaine, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, September 20, 1960
4. Deanna Esther, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, October 21, 1961

Louis served two years in the service, in 1956 and 1957.

He and Dorothy live on the Neukomm home farm



*CAROLINE E. MOSER*



**CAROLINE MOSER****BORN:** January 29, 1890**MARRIED:** October 11, 1911, at Peoria, Illinois, to . . .**BENJAMIN WIEGAND****BORN:** May 19, 1885, at East Peoria, Illinois.**PARENTS:** Henry and Mary Mueller Wiegand**PASSED AWAY:** December, 1956**BURIED:** Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery, Forrest, Illinois**CHILDREN:**

1. Lester Benj., born at Oakville, Iowa, July 4, 1913
2. Paul Jacob, born at Oakville, Iowa, September 25, 1914
3. Caroline Marie, born at Oakville, Iowa, December 1, 1915
4. Joseph Ralph, born at Oakville, Iowa, January 25, 1917
5. Leona Clara, born at Oakville, Iowa, October 30, 1919
6. Laverne Edw., born at Oakville, Iowa, March 20, 1921
7. Edith Mae, born at Taylor, Missouri, May 26, 1923
8. Wilbur John, born at Taylor, Missouri, January 16, 1925
9. David Henry, born at Taylor, Missouri, August 16, 1928
10. Virginia Martha, born at Taylor, Missouri, May 10, 1931
11. Benjamin Leroy, born at Taylor, Missouri, August 24, 1933

Ben and Carrie lived in Peoria, Illinois, for a short time after their marriage, before moving to the Oakville, Iowa, vicinity. In 1922 the family moved to Taylor, Missouri. They lived there twenty-five years before moving to Saunemin, Illinois, in 1947.

Uncle Ben served in the ministry of the Apostolic Christian Church from 1937 until his sudden death in 1956.

Aunt Carrie left the farm after her husband's death. She now lives in Saunemin, Illinois.

**LESTER WIEGAND****BORN:** July 4, 1913, at Oakville, Iowa.**MARRIED:****MARY GRISHAM****BORN:****PARENTS:****CHILDREN:**

1. Lester Wayne, born October 30, 1948

Lester and Mary live at 415 York Street, Quincy, Illinois.



**PAUL WIEGAND**

**BORN** : September 25, 1914

**MARRIED**: February 26, 1961, at Forrest, Illinois, at the Apostolic Christian Church to . . .

**EDNA WENGER**

**BORN**: March 31, 1927, at Fairbury, Illinois

**PARENTS**: Edward and Anna Peters Wenger

Paul and Edna live near Saunemin, Illinois, on the farm that had been the Wiegand home farm.

**CAROLINE WIEGAND**

**BORN**: December 1, 1915, at Oakville, Iowa

**MARRIED**: August 8, 1934, at Palmyra, Missouri, to . . .

**LAWRENCE LEROY BUTIKOFER**

**BORN**: August 22, 1911

**PARENTS**: John and Louisa Sutter Butikofer

**CHILDREN**:

1. Shirley Ann, born at Elgin, Iowa, June 4, 1935
2. Dennis Lee, born at Elgin, Iowa, May 25, 1936
3. Larry Gene, born at Elgin, Iowa, April 7, 1938
4. Sheryl Diann, born at Elgin, Iowa, May 30, 1945

Shirley Ann lost her life in an automobile accident near Taylor, Missouri, when her parents were visiting Caroline's parents. Shirley was only three months and twenty-two days old and is buried in the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery southeast of Elgin, Iowa. Lawrence was severely injured in this same accident.

When Dennis finished high school he took up a woodworking trade. On June 1, 1959, he was called into the army. He was posted in Vicenza, Italy, for one and one-half years in the missile division. After being discharged on March 29, 1961, he went back to woodworking.

Sheryl lives at home with her parents and is a senior at Valley Community High School.

**LARRY BUTIKOFER**

**BORN**: April 7, 1938, at Elgin, Iowa

**MARRIED**: September 24, 1960, at Monona, Iowa, to . . .

**SARAH SEITZ**

**BORN**: November 18, 1942

**PARENTS**: Rufus and Cybil Cowell Seitz

**CHILDREN**:

1. Lyle Gene, born August 17, 1961

Larry and Sarah are farming with Larry's father.



**DENNIS BUTIKOFER**

BORN: May 25, 1936, at Elgin, Iowa

MARRIED: October 20, 1962, at Elkader, Iowa, to . . .

**JO ANN FETTE**

BORN:

PARENTS:

**JOSEPH WIEGAND**

BORN: January 25, 1917

MARRIED: July 14, 1944, at Quincy, Illinois, to . . .

**PAULINE HALL**

BORN: September 19, 1927

PARENTS: Dorman and Catherine Hall

**CHILDREN:**

1. Joseph Ralph, Jr., born January 4, 1946
2. Diana Ann, born October 28, 1948
3. William LeRoy, Born March 9, 1950
4. Alice Priscilla, born March 19, 1951
5. Phyllis Marie, born September 19, 1952
6. Sandra Kay, born August 30, 1959

Joe and Pauline lived in the Taylor, Missouri, area, until they moved to Saunemin, Illinois, soon after Joe's parents had moved there.

**LEONA WIEGAND**

BORN: October 30, 1919, near Oakville, Iowa

MARRIED:

**MELVIN STEFFEN**

BORN: December 16, 1923, at Elgin, Illinois

PARENTS: Jonathan and Ida Wewetzer Steffen

**LAVERNE WIEGAND**

BORN: March 20, 1921, at Oakville, Iowa

Laverne lives at Pontiac, Illinois.

**EDITH WIEGAND**

BORN: May 26, 1923, at Taylor, Missouri

MARRIED: January 1, 1948, at Forrest, Illinois, to . . .

**WALTER JOHN ZIMMERMAN**

BORN: July 10, 1924, in Morton, Illinois

PARENTS: John and Emma Belsley Zimmerman

**CHILDREN:**

1. Douglas Gene, born at Morton, Illinois, August 5, 1950
2. Susan Kay, born at Morton, Illinois, October 18, 1954
3. Elaine Marie, born at Morton, Illinois, August 7, 1957

Walter and Edith have lived in Morton, Illinois, since their marriage. Walter is a building contractor.



**WILBUR WIEGAND**

**BORN:** January 16, 1925, at Taylor, Missouri  
Wilbur farms and is at home with his mother.

**DAVID WIEGAND**

**BORN:** August 18, 1928, at Taylor, Missouri  
**MARRIED:** December 3, 1961, at the Apostilic Christian Church at Forrest, Illinois, to . . .

**ETHEL WAIBEL**

**BORN:** January 6, 1934  
**PARENTS:** Carl and Elsie Wenger Waibel

Dave and Ethel live at 109 E. George Huff St., Urbana, Illinois. Dave is a grain elevator manager. He spent two years in the U. S. Army.

**VIRGINIA WIEGAND**

**BORN:** May 10, 1931, at Taylor, Missouri  
**MARRIED:** November 25, 1949, at Shawneetown, Illinois, to . . .  
**HENRY DAVID HILT:**

**BORN:** June 22, \_\_\_\_, at Odell, Illinois

**PARENTS:** Burkhart and Flora Hilti

**CHILDREN:**

1. Philip Leroy, born at Pontiac, Illinois, April 18, 1950
2. Martha Ann, born at Pontiac, Illinois, August 20, 1958
3. Marvin B, born at Pontiac, Illinois, March 9, 1961

Henry and Virginia are farming. Their address is Cullom, Illinois.

**BENJAMIN WIEGAND**

**BORN:** AUGUST 24, 1933

**MARRIED:**

**BEVERLY ELLIS**

**BORN:** November 21, 1937, at Pontiac, Illinois  
**PARENTS:** Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ellis  
**CHILDREN:**

1. Linda Sue, born at Peoria, Illinois, October 21, 1959

Benny is a masoner. He served in the U. S. military forces in Korea in 1953-55. They are at home in Morton, Illinois.

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*EDWARD C. MOSER*



**EDWARD MOSER**

**BORN:** March 19, 1891

**MARRIED:** February 20, 1916, at the Apostolic Christian Church in Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

**ANNA ALT**

**BORN:** November 12, 1891, near Hoopeston, Illinois

**PARENTS:** Jacob and Bertha Baumgartner Alt

**CHILDREN:**

1. Edna Bertha, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, April 19, 1917

George Moser (Hofbauer) grew up in this home, as did Robert Moser, younger son of Jake Moser. It was a great privilege to have shared our home with George and Robert. The finest bonus that sharing our home brought was that this family had sons, a daughter-in-law, grandchildren, a niece, and nephews. In other words, we were a family.

Edw. and Anna lived on the Stock farm, where Lester Stock now lives, for one year. They then moved to the farm Ed's brother, George, had left to go to Kouts, Indiana. George II now lives on this farm. Ed and Anna moved to Goodwine in 1946. They retired (?) to an acre of lawn, garden, and chickens!

**EDNA MOSER**

**BORN:** April 19, 1917

Edna lives at home with her parents. She worked at the Du-All Shop in Cissna Park, Illinois, from August 1946 until January 1950. In February 1950 she entered Illinois State Normal University where she received a B. of S. degree in Education in 1954. Then in 1959 she received a M. of S. degree from the University of Illinois. She teaches in the elementary school at Milford, Illinois.



**GEORGE MOSER**

BORN: December 13, 1919, near Cissna Park, Illinois

MARRIED: February 16, 1945, in Watseka, Illinois, to . . .

**ARLENE ANNE BAUER**

BORN: February 26, 1923, near Cissna Park, Illinois

PARENTS: Charles G. and Barbara Leman Bauer

**CHILDREN:**

1. Thomas Edward, born at Watseka, Illinois, November 3, 1946
2. Marvin Charles, born at Watseka, Illinois, May 16, 1950
3. Barbara Ann, born at Watseka, Illinois, March 22, 1953
4. Dean
5. Dale } born at Watseka, Illinois, August 14, 1956

George served three years (1942-45) in the U. S. Army. He was stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; Salt Lake City, Utah; Geiger Field, Spokane, Washington; Ephrata, Washington; Glasgow, Montana; Casablanca, Africa and Foggia, Italy. He left home on June 3, 1942, and returned June 1, 1945, on V. E. Day.

Arlene went to Brown's Business College, Peoria, Illinois, from 1942 to 1943. She worked at State Farm Mutual Insurance Company, Bloomington, Illinois, 1943-45.

On July 8, 1958, little Marvin, eight years old, lost his life in a farm tractor accident; the same day Ervin Moser passed away in Valparaiso, Indiana. The memory of their faces sometimes grows dim, the hurt their going brought, like the tide, will rise and ebb. What a wonderful hope that on that glorious morning with our new bodies, in the presence of God and his Son, we'll know them again. There will be no need for memory and no hurt can reach us.



*JOHN B. MOSER*



**JOHN BENJAMIN MOSER**

BORN: August 14, 1892, near Claytonville, Illinois

PASSED AWAY: February 28, 1945, at Elgin, Illinois

BURIED: Bluff City Cemetery, Elgin, Illinois

MARRIED: February 15, 1920, at the Apostolic Christian Church at Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

**EMMA SCHMIDGALL**

BORN: April 20, 1900, at Lester, Iowa

PARENTS: Jacob and Christina Honegger Schmidgall

**CHILDREN:**

1. Earl Loyal Moser, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, January 5, 1921
2. Lucille Helen, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, June 13, 1922
3. Bernice Ruth, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, June 6, 1924
4. Viola Rose, born at Elgin, Illinois, July 21, 1926
5. Harold J., born at Elgin, Illinois, April 7, 1928
6. Gene Roy, born at Elgin, Illinois, November 16, 1929
7. Lois Ann, born at Elgin, Illinois, October 21, 1931
8. Marie Emma, born at Elgin, Illinois, October 26, 1932
9. Donna May, born at Elgin, Illinois, May 22, 1934
10. Lester John, born at Elgin, Illinois, June 6, 1935
11. Wilma Alice, born at Elgin, Illinois, November 2, 1939

John and Emma Lived on a farm one mile north of Fountain Creek, Illinois, for about five years. Their three oldest children were born at this place. In the spring of 1925 they moved to Elgin, Illinois. They lived in the city for about five years where three more of the children were born. Then in the winter of 1930 they moved to the country where they lived for fourteen years. The remaining five of their children were born here. Four sons and seven daughters make up this family. They resided in the country until the death of John, when the farm was sold. Aunt Emma and Marie have traded homes with Gene and Libbie since Viola's marriage.



**EARL LOYAL MOSER**

BORN: January 5, 1921, at Cissna Park, Illinois

MARRIED: June 5, 1943, at Elgin, Illinois, to . . .  
**JANETTE LOIS GERDAU**

BORN: August 14, 1924

PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerdau

**CHILDREN:**

1. James Earl, born at Elgin, Illinois, June 18, 1949
2. Thomas LeRoy, born at Elgin, Illinois, December 4, 1952
3. Ruth Ann, born at Elgin, Illinois, November 6, 1957
4. Paul Robert, born at Elgin, Illinois, August 10, 1959

Earl and Jeanette have lived on the farm since their marriage. They have had various major farm projects on their farms. At one time they were managing a large dairy herd. Presently they are managing an extensive flock of laying hens. The eggs are packaged and delivered weekly in the city of Elgin. Earl also operates large farm machinery on a custom basis.

**LUCILLE MOSER**

BORN: June 13, 1922, at Cissna Park, Illinois

MARRIED: February 6, 1942, to . . .

**ROBERT H. SMITH**

BORN: September 17, 1920

PARENTS: Homer E. and Gertrude Range Smith

**CHILDREN:**

1. Stephen Robert, born at Elgin, Illinois, August 25, 1943
2. Diane Jean, born at Elgin, Illinois, March 7, 1945
3. Deborah Kay, born at Elgin, Illinois, March 22, 1950

Bob and Lucille are at home at 676 Clark Street, Elgin, Illinois. This has been their home for the past eleven years. Bob has been employed as a heating and plumbing salesman at Sears and Roebuck in Elgin for seventeen years.

Steve is enrolled at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. He is majoring in electrical engineering. Diane is a senior in high school at this writing, while Deborah is in elementary school.

**BERNICE MOSER**

BORN: June 6, 1924, at Cissna Park, Illinois

Bernice lives in Oak Park, Illinois and is employed at Forrest Park, Illinois.

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**VIOLA MOSER**

**BORN:** July 21, 1926

**MARRIED:** August 5, 1962, at the Apostolic Christian Church, Elgin, Illinois, to . . .

**CHRISTIAN METZ**

**BORN:** March 11, 1928, near Forrest, Illinois

**PARENTS:** Ludwig and Persida Honegger Metz

Christ and Viola are at home at Forrest, Illinois, where Christ is farming. Before her marriage, Viola had lived at home with her mother and had been employed at Chicago Rawhide Manufacturing Company of Elgin, Illinois.

**HAROLD J. MOSER**

**BORN:** April 7, 1928

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**MARRIED:** March 11, 1961, at Huntley, Illinois, to . . .

**JOANN M. GOODMAN**

**BORN**

**PARENTS:** Milton E and Rose A. Goodman

**CHILDREN:**

1. Mark Allen, born at Elgin, Illinois, November 4, 1953
2. Darrel Lee, born in California, April 15, 1956 -
3. Gary Gene
4. Cheryl Lynn } born in California, July 3, 1958
5. Carol Ann, born in California, December 31, 1959

Harold and Joann lived in Elgin, Illinois, before moving to California. Harold is a salesman for Coca Cola Co. Harold served in the U. S. Armed services during the Korean conflict. He was with the paratroopers in the 11th airborne division from 1950 to 1952. They are home at 953 Asbury, Pomona, California, at this writing.



**GENE MOSER**

**BORN:** November 16, 1929, at Elgin, Illinois

**MARRIED:** June 24, 1951, at the Apostolic Christian Church, Elgin, Illinois, to . . .

**LIBBIE ANN GOLL**

**BORN:** June 30, 1929, near Hancock, Minnesota

**PARENTS:** John and Bertha Spohr Goll

**CHILDREN:**

1. John Roy, born in Fort Knox, Kentucky, November 23, 1952
2. Sandra Kay, born at Elgin, Illinois, April 15, 1954
3. Mary Jean, born at Elgin, Illinois, January 29, 1956
4. Nancy Ann, born at Elgin, Illinois, January 5, 1961

Gene was inducted into the army ten days after his wedding. He took his basic training at Fort Mead, Maryland, where Libbie joined him. They were also stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where their son, John, was born. After serving two years in the service they returned to Elgin, Illinois, where they purchased a home at 386 Algona Ave. They are presently trading homes with Gene's mother and so will be at home at 3 N. Edison Ave.

Gene is employed at Brinkley Displays doing carpenter work. Brinkley Displays is located on Route 20 about five miles west of Elgin. Gene has been employed there for about fifteen years, including time before entering service.

**LOIS MOSER**

**BORN:** October 21, 1931

**MARRIED** January 31, at the Apostolic Christian Church, at Elgin, Illinois, to . . .

**FRANK JOHN SCHOCK**

**BORN:** March 31, 1928

**PARENTS**

**CHILDREN:**

1. Douglas John, born at Elgin, Illinois, January 17, 1955
2. David Edward, born at Elgin, Illinois, June 3, 1956
3. Dale Alan, born at Elgin, Illinois, December 8, 1957
4. Dwayne Brian, born at Elgin, Illinois, May 17, 1960

Frank and Lois started housekeeping in the house that had been Frank's home all his life. In January 1962 they moved into their new home, which is built just behind their new florist shop. Members of Frank's family have been florists for many years. His aunt's home is one of Elgin's show places, with its bright borders. Their present address is 508 McClean Blvd., Elgin, Illinois.

Frank served in the United States Army for two years.



**MARIE EMMA MOSER**

**BORN:** October 4, 1932, at Elgin, Illinois

Marie lives at home with her mother, at 386 Algona Avenue, Elgin, Illinois. She is employed at the Elgin Watch Company in Elgin.

**DONNA MAY MOSER**

**BORN:** May 22, 1934, at Elgin, Illinois

**PASSED AWAY:** May 25, 1935, at Elgin, Illinois

**BURIED:** Bluff City Cemetery, Elgin.

**LESTER MOSER**

**BORN:** June 6, 1935, at Elgin, Illinois

**MARRIED:** June 12, 1960, in Champaign, Illinois, to . . .

**DELORES ANN WELLES**

**BORN:** February 15, 1940

**PARENTS:** Paul and Bertha Kalk Welles of Longview, Illinois

**CHILDREN:**

1. Bradley Thomas, born in Champaign, Illinois, February 26, 1961

Lester enlisted in the U. S Air Force, 1953. He was stationed in Texas, Mississippi, Arizona and Okinawa. He spent one and one-half years on Okinawa. He was discharged from service in August, 1957. He then attended the University of Illinois where he received his B. of S. Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1962. He was a member of Chi Gamma Iota, National Scholastic Honorary Society for Veterans.

Lester and Deloris moved to Arizona in June of 1962 where he is employed with the Motorola Company in Scottsdale. They are at home at 8028 East Palm Lane, Scottsdale, Arizona.

**WILMA MOSER**

**BORN:** November 2, 1939, at Elgin, Illinois

**MARRIED:** February 14, 1960, at the Apostolic Christian Church, Elgin, Illinois, to . . .

**GERALD LEROY KIESER**

**BORN:** February 9, 1938, at Speer, Illinois

**PARENTS:** Sam and Lucille Spahr Kieser

**CHILDREN:**

1. Barbara Marie, born at Speer, Illinois, January 11, 1961

Gerald and Wilma are living on a farm nine miles north of Princeton, Illinois, where Gerald is engaged in farming.







*WILLIAM H. MOSER*



**WILLIAM MOSER**

**BORN:** February 5, 1894, near Claytonville, Illinois  
**MARRIED:** June 7, 1919, at Aurora, Illinois, to . . .

**HAZEL DUNKEL**

**BORN:** March 2, 1907

**PARENTS:**

**CHILDREN:**

1. Gilbert Guy (Bunky), born in Aurora, Illinois, October 2, 1932

Bill lived with his parents until they moved to Cissna Park, and continued to live and farm there for one year. He then went to Elgin, Illinois, for a while. He went to Aurora, Illinois, to work, where he met Hazel. They were married and worked there, too, before moving to Danville, Illinois. They have been in Danville for thirty years where they are the operators of the Yale Cafe. Other members of Hazel's family were also restaurant operators. Uncle Bill and "Sally" have been at the same location ever since they have been in Danville.

**GUY MOSER**

**BORN:** October 2, 1931

**MARRIAGE:** June 8, 1958, at Chicago, Illinois, to . . .

**MARTA ELSIE CARLSON**

**BORN:** August 19, 1938

**PARENTS** George and Martha Peguly Carlson

**CHILDREN:**

1. Emily Ann, born in Champaign, Illinois, May 21, 1959
2. Wendy Susan, born in California, February 26, 1961

Guy served with the U. S. Army in the Far East from May 13, 1953, through March 1, 1956. He received his B. of S. degree in Electrical Engineering in 1958. In 1959 he received his M. of S. degree also in Electrical Engineering. Both Guy and Marta attended the University of Illinois, where Marta was enrolled for three semesters. Guy was staff engineer for Electronic Computer Co., Los Angeles, California. Early in 1963, Guy and Marta moved to Levittown, Pennsylvania. Guy had a company transfer to Princeton, New Jersey. Here he will be in the Education and Training Department.



*JACOB F. MOSER*







**JACOB MOSER**

**BORN:** September 7, 1895, near Claytonville, Illinois

**PASSED AWAY:** May 1, 1946, at Gary, Indiana

**BURIED:** Apostilic Christian Church Cemetery, Cissna Park, Illinois

**MARRIED:** Lillian Ringer, deceased

**MARRIED:** July 30, 1932, at Gary, Indiana, to . . .

**NORA BOLLEN**

**BORN:** August 31, 1914

**PARENTS:** Reginald John and Nora Sperling Bollen

**CHILDREN:**

1. Nora Kathleen, born at Gary, Indiana, May 11, 1933

2. John Franklin, born at Gary, Indiana, August 1, 1937

3. Robert Edward, born at Gary, Indiana, May 27, 1945

As a young man Jake worked for his older brothers and thus he went to Kouts, Indiana. After he had gone to Gary, Indiana, he was employed at various occupations. Collecting insurance premiums was one of these jobs. He also sold Singer appliances. Your historian's family still has a Singer iron and a usable vacuum sweeper from him.

Nora is in Texas with Kathleen.

**NORA KATHLEEN MOSER**

**BORN:** May 11, 1933, at Gary, Indiana

**MARRIED:** August 19, 1951, in Fort Worth Texas, to . . .

**ROBERT L. LEDBETTER**

**BORN:** March 28, 1923

**PARENTS:** Maude Grogan and Ellis L. Ledbetter

**CHILDREN:**

1. Cindy Kathleen, born in Houston, Texas, September 28, 1958

Kathleen completed three years of work at the University of Houston, Texas. She is assistant secretary and treasurer of the Texas Mortgage Investment Corporation, Houston, Texas.

Bob spent two years in the service. He received his degree in journalism from Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. He has had special training as a photographer. He is Director of Sales Promotion, South Coast Life Insurance Company, Houston, Texas.



**JOHN MOSER**

BORN: August 1, 1937, at Gary, Indiana

MARRIED: November 3, 1962, in Gary, Indiana, to . . .

**JUDITH DAVIES**

BORN: March 10, 1941

PARENTS: Richard and Vera Copley Davies

John spent two years in the service of the U. S. Army. He was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for basic training, then he was at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, for six months schooling in communications. The last fourteen months were spent in Karlsruhe, Germany.

John worked with the Gary Water Department as a meter reader before he went into the service. Since meter readers were assigned different areas to cover, John thinks he has probably been in every home in Gary. After his return to Gary, he was again employed by the same department but this time in the capacity of meter service.

Judy graduated from the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Gary, Indiana, on August 31, 1962.

**ROBERT-MOSER**

BORN: May 27, 1945

Robert lives with his uncle Edward's family in Goodwine, Illinois, where he is enrolled as a senior in the Milford, Illinois, high school, at this writing.



*MARY M. MOSER*



**MARY MOSER**

**BORN:** February 4, 1897, near Claytonville, Illinois

**MARRIED:** May 29, 1921, at the Apostolic Chrsitian Church, Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

**WILLIAM WYSS**

**BORN:** April 25, 1898, at Peoria, Illinois

**PARENTS:** Jacob and Mary Albrecht Wyss

**CHILDREN:**

1. William H., Jr., born at Pekin, Illinois, May 12, 1922
2. Robert C., born at Pekin, Illinois, July 22, 1923
3. Mary Ann, born at Pekin, Illinois, November 15, 1925
4. Donald, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, October 22, 1927
5. Jacob Leroy, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, January 20, 1929
6. Gerald B., born at Cissna Park, Illinois, August 11, 1930

Bill and Mary lived in Pekin, Illinois, for five years. They then lived near Alta, Illinois, for one year. In 1927 they moved to Cissna Park and farmed the Moser home farm for eight years. In the spring of 1936, they moved to Danforth, Illinois, where they lived until the spring of 1942. Their home has been west of Milford, Illinois, since then. They farmed their farm four years. Just east of this home they built a new home on a lovely site that overlooks a very pretty little valley that is usually pasture land.

Uncle Bill has usually done livestock trucking either as part time or as a full time occupation. He accompanied his son, Bob, to the Dominican Republic World's Fair in 1956 and 1957. Here they exhibited Bob's prize Brown Swiss cattle.

**WILLIAM WYSS, JR.**

**BORN:** May 12, 1922, at Pekin, Illinois

**MARRIED:** January 12, 1944, at Danforth, Illinois, to . . .

**MAE MARIE STEMKE**

**BORN:** May 13, 1925, at Ashkum, Illinois

**PARENTS:** William and Mary Conrad Stemke

**CHILDREN:**

1. Carol Mae, born at Watseka, Illinois, August 20, 1946
2. William Steven, born at Watseka, Illinois, August 3, 1949
3. Gayle Marie, born at Watseka, Illinois, August 30, 1956

Bill and Mae have lived at Danforth since their marriage. Bill is engaged in farming. Bill has worked with livestock in many phases. He has trucked cattle to the many markets around, he has acted as a buyer, and has been engaged in slaughtering and dressing meat.

Gayle and Steven are active in 4-H and are in school at Danforth and Gilman, Illinois.



**ROBERT WYSS****BORN:** July 22, 1923

Robert Wyss was born near Pekin, Illinois, attended Cissna Park, and Danforth, Illinois, grade schools, and graduated from Milford, Illinois, high school in 1941. He entered the U. S. Army May 1942, and was attached to the 9th Armored Division Ordnance Corps., Hdq. He took his basic training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland, and Fort Knox, Kentucky. He then was stationed in England and served in France and Germany. At Frankfort, Germany, he accepted his discharge. He stayed in Nuremburg, Germany, one year, where he did clerical work. In 1946 he returned to the United States. Bob went to the Galesburg Branch of the University of Illinois, for four years after returning to the States. Then he returned to Milford, Illinois, and raised Brown Swiss cattle. He took these cattle to the Dominican Republic World's Fair in 1956 and again in 1957. In 1958 Bob returned to school. This time he enrolled at Purdue University where he took a post graduate course in Personnel Management. This training led to a position as Personnel Consultant with the U. S. Employment Service, in Chicago, for the years 1959 and 1960. Bob managed the Kankakee Sale Barn for one year before he went to Oceanside, California, where he is Personnel Manager for Spear Optical Company.

**MARY ANN WYSS****BORN:** November 15, 1925, at Pekin, Illinois**MARRIED:** October, 1941, at Independence, Indiana, to . . .**FREDERIC L. WILLIAMS****CHILDREN:**

1. Ronald Frederic, born near Milford, Illinois, January 14, 1942

**MARRIED:** May 28, 1948, at Owensburg, Kentucky, to . . .**ALVIN FANNING****BORN:** September 15, 1918, at Milford, Illinois**PARENTS:** Ben and Ruth Davis Fanning**CHILDREN:**

1. Alvin Warren (Sammy), born near Milford, Illinois, July 26, 1949
2. Margaret Ann, born near Milford, Illinois, November 11, 1951

After their marriage Ronald was given the name Fanning by adoption. Alvin and Mary Ann have lived near Milford since their marriage. Mary has worked as a switchboard operator for many years besides being a very busy homemaker. Alvin worked as a machinery mechanic at the Milford Farm Equipment Shop. They moved to the Wyss home farm in 1958, where they are farming.

Alvin went into the service in January 1940. He was with the Infantry in the VII corp of the First Army. He had basic training at

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Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He then was transferred to Alabama, Florida, and California. He spent six months in England before going to France on D. Day.

Ronnie entered the U. S. Navy, but was discharged after 90 days for medical reasons. He then attended Greer Technical School for Diesel Engineering. After graduation he drove Diesel semi-trailers for Bertrand Trucking Company of Kankakee, Illinois. He then went to work at Feller Livestock Sales for his uncles, Jack, Don, and Jerry.

#### **DONALD WYSS**

**BORN:** October 22, 1927, near Cissna Park, Illinois

**MARRIED:** April 8, 1951, at the Methodist Church, Cissna Park, Illinois, to . . .

#### **WILMA MARGARET ZBINDEN**

**BORN:** October 27, 1932, at Cissna Park, Illinois

**PARENTS:** Benjamin F. and Margaret Anna Heuer Zbinden

**CHILDREN:**

1. Michael Wayne, born at Danforth, Illinois, January 20, 1952
2. Rodney Stuart, born at Danforth, Illinois, November 15, 1955
3. Paula Jane, born at Danforth, Illinois, August 30, 1957
4. Jeffrey Brian, born at Cissna Park, Illinois, August 26, 1961
5. Bradley Craig, born January 10, 1963

Don served as a control tower operator in the Air Force from 1944 to 1948, part of which time was spent overseas at bases in Germany, Italy, and France. He was in reserves from 1948 to 1950. And was called to active duty at the time of the Korean Crisis in August 1950, and served one year at Carswell Air Force Base in Texas. Don and Wilma were married during a fifteen day leave and lived in Fort Worth, Texas. After his discharge they settled in Danforth, Illinois, and were in business with his brother, William, in livestock handling.

They moved to Cissna Park, Illinois, in May 1959, and at present Don is engaged in operating Feller Livestock Sales with Jack and Gerald.

Three of their children were born on some other Wyss family member's birthday: Michael on his Uncle Jack's; Rodney on his Aunt Mary Ann's; and Paul on her cousin Gayle's. Jeffrey spoiled the record by arriving four days early instead of as scheduled on August 30, which would have been on his sister Paula's birthday.

In May, 1953, while Don and Wilma were living in Danforth, a small tornado passed through, leveling many barns, sheds, trees, etc. It knocked the chimney down on the house in which they were living. On November 19, 1961, while living in the Lida Boyce farmhouse, they suffered a fire loss. They lost all of their clothing. With the aid of neighbors and relatives, they moved into the Ezra Feller farm home.



**JACOB (JACK) WYSS**

BORN: January 20, 1929

MARRIED: February 15, 1948, at Hoopeston, Illinois, to . . .

**ARTIE DORENE (PEG) BROWN**

BORN: October 12, 1928

PARENTS: Curtis and Ipha Brown

**CHILDREN:**

- 1. **Lana Kay**, born near Milford, Illinois, July 1, 1950
- 2. **Janice Ellen**, born near Milford, Illinois, September 2, 1953

Jack and Peg lived near Milford, Illinois, on the Wyss home farm until 1959 when they moved to Cissna Park. Jack at present is engaged in operating Feller Livestock Sales with Don and Gerald Wyss.

**GERALD WYSS**

BORN: August 11, 1930

Gerald went to Bryce Grade School and graduated from Milford High School, Milford, Illinois, as a member of the National Honor Society and earned the art and history awards for that year. He then attended Worshams College in Chicago in 1949. There he studied Mortuary Science. He attended Purdue University in 1950, he also worked for the College that year. In the year 1951 he attended the University of Illinois and also worked for the University until October 1951. He then attended the Advanced Tester Registry to become a H.I.R.R.O.P. tester and worked for the Northern Illinois Breeding Cooperative from October 1951 through November 1954 as laboratory technician. In 1955 Gerald again went to the University of Illinois to study agricultural economics and theories of livestock marketing. Here, too, he was a member of the Dean's honor roll.

Through the years 1956-1959 he was manager of the Kankakee County Livestock Marketing Association. In 1960 he became seriously ill and spent his time recuperating; and whenever he was able, was a free lance order buyer of livestock. Presently he is a partner with his brothers in Feller Livestock Sales, Cissna Park, Illinois, and lives at home with his parents.

Gerald enjoys several hobbies of which painting (modern art) is the most creative. He even counts accounting and bookkeeping as hobbies.



*CARL D. MOSER*



**CARL MOSER**

BORN: November 4, 1900

MARRIED January 14, 1926, at Wats.ka, Illinois, to .

**LYDIA FELLER**

BORN: June 17, 1904

PARENTS: Emil and Lena Landes Feller -

**CHILDREN:**

1. Doris June, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, July 26, 1927
2. Edythe Mae, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, May 4, 1930
3. Betty Lou, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, January 5, 1933
4. Joan Magdalene, born near Cissna Park, Illinois, July 26, 1937
5. Richard, born near Buckley, Illinois, August 23, 1944
6. Sandra, born near Rankin, Illinois, August 3, 1948

Carl and Lydia farmed one of the Dan Smith farms north of Fountain Creek until 1938 when they moved to Buckley, Illinois. Then in 1945 they moved to their farm east of Rankin, Illinois.

Note that Doris and Joan have the same birthday.

**DORIS MOSER**

BORN: July 26, 1927

MARRIED: January 4, 1947, at the Presbyterian Parsonage, Watseka, Illinois, to . . .

**KENNETH HOFER**

BORN: May 19, 1925

PARENTS: Dan and Martha Steiner Hofer

**CHILDREN:**

1. Sue Ann, born at Watseka, Illinois September 11, 1948
2. Dawn Marie, born at Watseka, Illinois, January 25, 1952

Kenneth farmed north of Goodwine, Illinois. He has farmed ever since he has been out of high school. Doris worked in Civil Service for six months before her marriage. She also worked in an insurance office. Doris was manager of the school lunch room at the elementary school at Milford, Illinois.

Kenneth and Doris moved to Carbondale, Illinois, where Kenneth enrolled in Southern Illinois University



**EDYTHE MOSER**

**BORN:** May 4, 1930

**MARRIED:** August 23, 1953, at Dallas, Texas, to . . .  
**JAMES H. CLEMENTS**

**BORN:** October 4, \_\_\_\_

**PARENTS:** Ira and Flora Belle Clements

**CHILDREN:**

1. Lydia Belle, born in Texas, April 9, 1956
2. Ruth Ann, born in Texas, August 20, 1958
3. James Howell II, born in Okinawa, March 31, 1962

Edythe is a registered nurse. She received her training at Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. She finds time to practice her profession much of the time.

Dr. Jim attended Denton State Teacher's College and the University of Texas Medical School. He has made the Army his career since 1955. He is a surgeon with the U. S. Army.

Jim and Edythe are stationed on the Island of Okinawa at this writing.

**BETTY LOU MOSER**

**BORN:** January 5, 1933, near Cissna Park, Illinois

**MARRIED:** January 9, 1955, at the home of her parents at Rankin, Illinois, to . . .

**HERMAN BEIER**

**BORN:** November 27, 1931

**PARENTS:** Herman and Ella Freiheit Beier

**CHILDREN:** Louann, born at Rantoul, Illinois, October 9, 1955

Betty worked as a Dental Assistant in Cissna Park, Illinois, before her marriage. After her marriage she had the same position at Chanute Air Base.

Herman was in the service at the time of their marriage. He was stationed at Chanute Air Base, Rantoul, Illinois. They lived at Rantoul off base, one year.

**RICHARD MOSER**

**BORN:** August 23, 1944

Richard is at home awaiting military service.

**SANDRA MOSER**

**BORN:** August 3, 1948

Sandy is a student at Rankin High School, Rankin, Illinois.



**JOANN MOSER****BORN:** July 26, 1937**MARRIED:** January 19, 1957, at the home of her parents near Rankin, Illinois, to . . .**JESSE KELLER****BORN:** October 27, . . .**PARENTS:** Mr. and Mrs. Jess. Keller, Sr.**CHILDREN:**

1. Peggy Ann, born at Kankakee, Illinois, July 11, 1957. Peggy passed away a few hours after her premature birth.

2. Bradford, born at Kankakee, Illinois, December 30, 1958

Jesse and Joann are at home at 344 Oakdale Street, Kankakee, Illinois. Jesse served in the U. S. Marine Corps, September 1, 1948, to September, 1952. He spent fifteen months in Korea. He attended the University of Illinois, and is employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He works with the Soil Conservation Service.

If Grandfather and Grandmother Moser were still living, what an array of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren they would be enjoying.

Anna Moser Hofbauer had ten children and now would have forty-two grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Bena Moser Knapp had three children, one adopted grandchild, and two foster grandchildren.

The George Moser family had nine children, three deceased, fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lydia Moser Neukom had seven children and thirty-nine grandchildren.

Caroline Moser Wiegand had eleven children and eighteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Edward Moser had one child, two foster children and five grandchildren.

John Moser had eleven children and twenty-two grandchildren.

William Moser had one child and two grandchildren.

Jake Moser had three children and one grandchild.

Mary Moser had six children and thirteen grandchildren.

Carl Moser had six children and seven grandchildren.

So there are sixty-two living grandchildren, six deceased; one hundred fifty-nine living great-grandchildren, five deceased; twelve living great-great-grandchildren, one deceased. In all there have been two hundred forty-five, direct descendants.



I NEVER KNEW THAT AGE COULD BE  
SO BEAUTIFUL, SO FULL OF GRACE -  
UNTIL I SAW A REDWOOD TREE  
AT DAWN, LIFTING HER TRANQUIL FACE  
OF SMILING LEAVES CLOSE TO THE SKY,  
UNBOWED BY WORLD-CHAOS AND CHANGE  
STILL FEARLESS, CALM, AND REACHING HIGH  
ABOVE EMBITTERED MEN'S LOW RANGE.

Pauline Chadwell



## JANUARY

1. <u>Donna Moser</u> (Wayne) .....	1952	17. Martha Neukomm
4. Joe Wiegand, Jr. (Joe) .....	1946	18. (Aaron) ..... 1958
5. Betty Moser Beier .....	1933	20. Jack Wyss ..... 1929
5. Nancy Moser (Gene) .....	1961	20. Michael Wyss (Don) ..... 1952
6. Ethel Wiegand (Mrs. Dave) .....	1934	20. Mary Kay Wood ..... 1961
6. Shirley Steiner .....	1941	21. Bruce Moser (Ervin) ..... 1942
6. Aaron Schmid .....	1955	22. Earl Moser ..... 1921
9. Bill Hofbauer .....	1909	24. Brian Hofbauer
10. Joe Knapp .....	1912	Emmanuel) ..... 1952
10. George Gudeman .....	1916	24. Melton Frank ..... 1940
10. Doris Hofbauer (Mrs. Dave) .....	1924	25. Joe Wiegand Sr. ..... 1917
11. Beverly Hofbauer (Bill) .....	1950	25. Dawn Hofer ..... 1952
11. Barbara Kieser .....	1961	25. Marian Doty (Grimm) .. 1952
14. Susie Held .....	1935 1/2	25. Jeffrey Frank
14. Ronnie Fanning .....	1942	(Marvin) ..... 1962-1962
15. Lydia Moser Neukomm .....	1889	27. Don Hofbauer (Louis) .. 1934
16. Wilbur Wiegand .....	1925	27. Judith Neukomm (Louis) 1959
16. Dan Steiner .....	1938	29. Caroline Moser Wiegand .. 1890
16. Joyce Hofbauer Eighner .....	1940	29. Floyd Grimm ..... 1914
17. Douglas Schock .....	1955	29. Mary Jean Moser (Gene) 1955
		31. Chris Frank ..... 1912

## FEBRUARY

2. Stanley Moser (Wayne) .....	1954	15. Lester) ..... 1940
4. Michael Maul .....	1956	16. Kenneth Schmid ..... 1952
5. William Moser .....	1894	16. Mary M. Neukomm (John) 1955
8. Lorene Moser .....	1912	26. Arlene Moser (Mrs. Geo.) 1923
9. Gerald Kieser .....	1938	26. Wendy Moser (Guy) ..... 1961
14. Miriam Frank (Mrs. Marvin) .....	1934	26. Bradley Moser (Lester) .. 1961
15. Deloris Moser (Mrs. ....)		28. Salome Moser ..... 1898-1921
		29. Julie Neukomm (Aaron) .. 1956



## MARCH

2. Hazel Moser	1907	20. Laverne Wiegand	1921
4. Aaron Knapp	1909-1921	21. Frank Schock	1928
6. Margaret Neukomm (Mrs. John)	1923	22. Barbara Moser (Geo.)	1953
6. Jack Bradshaw, Jr. (Evelyn)	1954	23. JACOB MOSER	1859-1933
9. William Wiegand (Joe)	1950	23. Bob Ledbetter	1923
9. Marvin Hilti	1961	25. Alice Wiegand (Joe)	1951
10. Judith Moser (Mrs. John)	1941	26. Larry Hofbauer (Louis)	1941
11. Christ Metz	1920	27. Patty Houfbauer (Dave)	1952
15. David Hofbauer (Dave)	1953	28. Joel Hofbauer	1912
15. Dee Ann Hofoauer (Ben)	1949	30. Sarah Neukomm (Aaron)	1962
19. Edward Moser	1891	31. Edna Wiegand (Mrs. Paul)	1927
		31. John Neukomm, Jr. (John)	1952
		31. James Clements II	1962

## APRIL

5. Reva Bradshaw (Evelyn)	1953	18. Philip Hilti	1950
7. Harold Moser	1928	19. Edna Moser	1917
7. Larry Butikofer	1938	20. Emma Moser Mrs.	
7. Deanna Smith	1943	John I	1900
9. Lydia Clements	1956	22. Deborah K. Smith	1950
14. John Neukomm, Sr.	1920	24. Norman Maul	
14. Harold Neukomm	1929	25. Wm. Wyss, Sr.	1898
15. Darrel Moser (Harold)	1956	27. Arlene Neukomm (Mrs.	
18. Alf Ramseyer	1899	Harold)	

## MAY

2. Daniel Schmid, Jr.	1940-1952	13. Richard Ramseyer, Sr.	1934
4. ELIZABETH MOSER	1860-1941	19. Benjamin Wiegand Sr.	1835-1956
4. Edythe Clements	1930	19. Kenneth Hofer	1925
4. Dwaine Hofbauer (Em- manuel)	1946	21. Cathy Moser (Marvin)	1955
8. Glen Hofbauer (Bill)	1936-1958	21. Emily Moser (Guy)	1959
8. Deloris Kaeb	1957	22. Donna Moser (John I)	
10. Virginia Hilti	1931		1934-1935
11. Kathleen Ledbetter	1933	24. Martha Ramseyer (Dick)	1959
12. Wm. Wyss, Jr.	1922	25. Dennis Butikofer	1936
13. Jim Hofbauer (Joel)	1941	26. Edith Zimmerman	1923
13. Mae Wyss (Mrs. Wm. Jr.)	1925	27. Robert Moser	1945
16. Marvin Moser (Geo.)	1950-1958	29. Erma Moser	1919
17. Dwayne Schock	1960	30. Sheryl Butikofer	1945



## JUNE

2. James Ramseyer	1946	13. Lucille Smith	1922
3. Mary Helen Neukomm (Mrs. Aaron)	1926	13. Robert Wood	1934
4. Shirley Butikofer	1935-1935	17. Lydia Moser (Mrs. Carl)	1904
5. Dianne Moser (Wayne)	1962	18. Jim Moser (Earl)	1949
6. Bernice Moser	1924	19. Donald Neukomm (John)	1949
6. Lester Moser	1935	21. Anna Moser Hofbauer	
7. David Held	1961	22. Henry Hilti	
9. Judy Wood	1936	23. Lois Schmid	1950
9. Sue Ann Neukomm (Aaron)	1951	27. Ruth Kaeber	1927
12. Dean Gudeman	1944	27. Mary Moser (Mrs. Marvin)	1930
12. Carolyn Gudeman (Mrs Ralph)	1941	27. Marvin Wood	1959
		29. Richard Moser (Geo)	1915-1916
		30. Libbie Moser (Mrs. Gene)	1929

## JULY

1. Lana Wyss (Jack)	1950	22. Carolyn Neukomm (John)	1950	
3. Gary Moser		22. Bob Wyss	1923	
	Harold)	1958	23. Mark Doty (Grimm)	1954
3. Cheryl Moser		24. Elizabeth Grimm	1910	
4. Lester Wiegand, Sr.	1913	24. Ben Wiegand, Jr.	1933	
5. Rosie Moser (Mrs. Wayne)	1930	26. Doris Hofer	1927	
9. Erma Neukomm (Aaron)	1959	26. Joann Keller	1937	
10. Nancy Neukomm (Lou)	1957	26. Sammy Fanning	1949	
11. Peggy Keller	1957-1957	27. Jeffrey Moser (Henry)	1956	
12. Ben Hofbauer	1917	29. Dale Hofbauer Emmanuel)	1940	
17. Ted Eighner	1936	30. Louis Neukomm, Sr.	1890	
18. Charlene Hofbauer Ravens	1944	30. Dorothy Neukomm (Mrs. Louis Jr.)	1934	
19. Wayne Moser	1925	30. Deloris Moser	1920-1921	
20. Norma Schmid	1953		(Geo. I) 1920	
21. Viola Metz	1924	30. Doris Moser	1920-1922	
21. Bernice Hofbauer (Mrs. Louis)	1913			



## AUGUST

1. John Moser II -----	1937	17. Lyle Butikoter (Larry) --	1961
3. Dennis Neukomm (Aaron) 1947		18. David Wiegand -----	1928
3. Sandra Moser (Carl) ---	1948	19. Emmanuel Hofbauer ---	1912
3. Steven Wyss -----	1949	20. Aaron Neukomm -----	1923
5. Douglas Zimmerman ---	1950	20. Ruth Ann Clements ---	1958
6. Peter Hofbauer ---	1876-1941	20. Martha Ann Hilti -----	1958
6. Bena Knapp -----	1886	20. Carol Wyss -----	1946
7. Elaine Zimmerman ---	1957	22. Corrine Hofbauer (Mrs. Emmanuel) -----	1920
8. Henry Moser -----	1913	22. Emma Schmid -----	1918
8. Barbara Kaeb -----	1951	23. Richard Moser (Carl) ---	1944
10. Paul Moser (Earl) -----	1959	24. Norman Maul -----	1921
11. Gerald Wyss -----	1930	25. Stephen Smith -----	1946
11. Susan Bradshaw (Evelyn) -----	1948	26. Jeffrey Wyss (Don) -----	1961
14. Jeanette Moser (Mrs. Earl) -----	1924	30. Earl Gudeman ---	1942
14. Dean Moser } (George) 1956		30. Paula Wyss (Don) -----	1957
14. Dale Moser } (George) 1956		30. Sandra Wiegand (Joe) ---	1959
15. Irvin Moser -----	1917-1958	30. Gayle Wyss -----	1956
17. Stanley Gudeman -----	1950	31. Nora Moser Hooper -----	1914
		31. Roberta Knapp (Joe) ---	1953

## SEPTEMBER

2. Douglas Moser (Ervin) --	1949	19. Pauline Wiegand (Mrs. Joe) -----	1927
2. Janice Wyss (Jack) -----	1953	19. Joan Hofbauer (Louis) -----	1935-1933
7. Jacob F. Moser ---	1893-1946	19. Phyllis Wiegand (Joe) ---	1952
7. Louis Hofbauer -----	1907	19. Linda Moser (Mrs. Sam) ---	1943
11. Sue Hofer -----	1948	19. Walter Neukomm (Aaron) 1960	
11. Cheryl Hofbauer (Ronnie) 1962		20. Beth Neukomm (Louis) --	1960
13. Marvin Moser -----	1927	21. Michael Moser (Henry) --	1952
15. Fred G Knapp -----	1883	23. Cynthia Moser (Ervin) --	1946
15. Alvin Fanning -----	1918	23. Daniel Schmid I -----	1917
15. Marvin Schmid -----	1957	25. Paul Wiegand I -----	1914
16. George Moser I ---	1887-1952	25. Edna Hofbauer (Mrs. Ben) 1920	
17. Mary Hofbauer (Mrs. Joel) -----	1916	27. Gene Hofbauer (Joel) --	1936
17. Robert Smith -----	1920	28. Cindy Ledbetter -----	1958
18. Elfrieda Ramseyer (Mrs. Dick) -----	1934		



## OCTOBER

2. Guy Moser	1932	21. Lois Moser Schoek	1931
4. Marie Moser	1932	21. Deanna Neukomm (Louis)	1961
4. James Clements I		22. Don Wyss	1927
7. Louis Hofbauer	1907	22. Denice Moser (Larry)	1961
9. Carolyn Hofbauer (Mrs. Ronnie)	1939	23. Joann Frank	1946
10. Louann Beier	1955	25. Lorene Schmid	1958
11. Ronald Moser (Henry)	1946	27. Jesse Keller	
12. Peggy Wyss (Mrs. Jack)	1928	27. Wilma Wyss (Mrs. Don)	1932
15. Dav. Hofbauer	1918	28. Dinal Wiegand (Joe)	1948
15. Larry Moser (Henry)	1940	29. Ellen Hofoauer (Mrs. Bill)	1919
17. Rosemary Kaeb	1953	30. Clara Ramseyer	1906
18. Susan Zimmerman	1954	30. Leona Steff. n	1919
21. Linda Sue Wiegand (Ben)	1959	30. Lester Wiegand, Jr.	1948
		31. Elizabeth Maul	1924

## NOVEMBER

2. Wilma Kieser	1939	12. Anna Moser (Mrs. Edw.)	1891
3. Margaret Frank	1910	15. Mary Ann Fanning	1925
3. Richard Ramseyer II	1961	16. Gene Moser	1929
3. Tom Moser (Geo.)	1946	18. Sarah Butikofer (Mrs. Larry)	1942
4. Carl Moser	1999	19. Michele Moser (Sam)	1960
4. Mark Moser (Harold)	1953	20. William Maul	1946
6. Ronald Neukomm (Aaro)	1948	20. Cindy Hofbauer (Ben)	1956
6. Ruth Moser (Earl)	1957	23. John Moser III (Gene)	1952
8. Dale Schock	1957	24. Ralph Gudeman	1939
9. Thomas Kaeb	1955	26. David Neukomm (John)	1943
9. Steven Moser (Marvin)	1952	27. Herman Beier	1931
10. Kimberly Moser (Sam)	1961	30. Helen Maul	1949
11. Margaret Fanning	1951	31. Carol Moser (Harold)	1959
12. Sandra Bradshaw (Evelyn)	1946		

## DECEMBER

1. Caroline Butikofer	1915	1. Larry)	1943
1. Sammy Moser (Henry)	1942	23. Carl de Frank	1949
9. Evelyn Moser Bradshaw	1919	25. Marvin Frank	1933
13. George Moser	1919	26. Bradley Moser (Lester)	1961
15. Richard Schmid	1955	26. Lydia Moser (Mrs. George D.)	1887
16. M.1. Steffen	1923	27. Jeanice Gudeman	1954
16. Kathryn Schmid	1947	27. Marilyn Neukomm (Aaron)	1952
17. Caroline Gudeman	1915	29. Timothy Kaeb	1960
18. Louis Neukomm, Jr.	1933	30. C. Jay Eighner	1960
18. Ronald Hofbauer (Emmanuel)	1938	30. Brad Keller	1958
21. Peggy Hofbauer (Mrs.			



JANUARY

5. Earl Moser ..... 1921  
10. Bradley Wyss (Don) ..... 1963  
23. Donna Moser (Wayne) ..... 1952

JULY

4. Sondra Moser (Mrs.  
Larry) 1942  
10. Walter Zimmerman 1924  
12. Lydia Schmid 1960

FEBRUARY

3. Dale Kaeb ----- 1962  
 4. Mary Wyss Moser ----- 1897  
 9. Kenneth Hofbauer (Ben) 1946  
 6. Stephen Hofbauer (Dave) 1954  
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AUGUST

14. John Moser I ----- 1892-1945  
19. Marta Moser (Mrs. Guy) - 1931  
22. Lawrence Butikofer ----- 1911  
24. Beni. Weigand, Jr. ----- 1933

MARCH

7. Diane Smith	1945
8. Laura Moser (Mrs. Henry)	1925
10. Virginia Hilti	1931
19. Alice Wiegand (Joe)	1951
22. Deborah Smith	1950
28. Robert Ledbetter	1923
31. Frank Schock	1928

SEPTEMBER

9. Lynn Hefbauer Bill - 1959  
 10. Sharon Maser Mrs.  
 Richard, ----- 1939  
 11. 12. 13. 14.

APRIL.

14. Sandra Moser (Gene) 1954

OCTOBER

3. Mark Hof. (d. - Dave) 1957  
20. Mark Schmidt 1962  
30. Nancy Hofbauer (Dave) 1955

MAY

3. Mar. Neukomm (Mrs.  
Aaron) ..... 1926  
9. Sue Neukomm (Aaron) .. 1951

NOVEMBER

19. Edw. Kaeb ..... 1927  
 21 Beverly Wiegand Mrs.  
     Ben) ..... 1937  
 27 Wesley Ravens ..... 1938  
 15 Rodney Wyss (ben) ..... 1955

JUNE.

3. David Schock ..... 1956  
 5. David Moser (Ervin) ..... 1945  
 25. Richard Moser (Henry) ..... 1939  
 25. Benji Schmid ..... 1946

DECEMBER

3. Margaret Frank	1910
4. Tommy Moser (Earl)	1952
8. Dale Schock	1957
31. Carol Moser (Harold)	1959

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